

REMARKS

In this response, Applicant has submitted a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the terminal disclaimer and the following comments.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 – 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,798,835.

At first, Applicant believes that the Examiner has made a clerical error in citing the previously cancelled Claim 2 instead of pending Claim 6 as the rejected claim. Therefore, the present response is directed to the pending Claims 1 and 6.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application (as defined in Claims 1 and 6) and the U.S. Patent No. 6,798,835 are commonly owned by the Applicant. Therefore, the rejection has been overcome by the enclosed timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

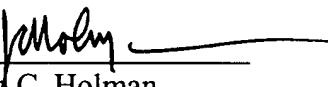
Accordingly, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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